Red Lion Hotels CORP Form 8-K November 18, 2014

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

Current Report

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)

of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

November 18, 2014 (November 11, 2014)

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

RED LION HOTELS CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Washington (State or Other Jurisdiction 001-13957 (Commission 91-1032187 (I.R.S. Employer

of Incorporation)

file number) 201 W. North River Drive **Identification No.)**

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Suite 100

Spokane, Washington 99201

(Address of Principal Executive Offices, Zip Code)

(509) 459-6100

(Registrant s Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

(d) On November 11, 2014, our board of directors took the following actions:

It increased the size of the board to eight persons. This resulted in a vacancy on the board.

The board appointed Gregory T. Mount, effective on November 11, 2014, to fill the vacancy on the board. The board expects that Mr. Mount will be nominated to stand for election by the shareholders at the annual meeting in 2015.

Gregory T. Mount has over 25 years of leadership experience with global hospitality chains and independent hotel management companies. From January 2014 to the present, he has served as our President and CEO. From November 2009 to January 2014, he served as president of Richfield Hospitality, Inc., a hotel management company based in Denver, Colorado. From January 2007 to November 2009, he served as a senior vice president of acquisitions at Sage Hospitality Resources, LLC, a hotel management, investment and development company. From 1998 to 2006, Mr. Mount held various senior development and operations positions with Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide, Inc. From 1990 to 1998, he served in several management positions at Interstate Hotels & Resorts, Inc. From 1982 to 1990, he worked in various operational roles at Marriott International, Inc.

Mr. Mount will receive no additional compensation for his service as a director.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

RED LION HOTELS CORPORATION

Dated: November 18, 2014

By: /s/ Thomas L. McKeirnan Thomas L. McKeirnan

> Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary